



The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

19th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

12 and 13 August 2017

1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Ps 84; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Reflection on the Gospel

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew. To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were



called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him. To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

Reflection by Greg Sunter

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2017 The appeal will be conducted this weekend and its theme is inspired by the Gospel of St John: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). We are called by our baptism and by our relationship with Jesus to participate in this mission. The appeal this year shares the life-giving work of Catholic Mission in Uganda where women and children are at great risk. One Ugandan nun is responsible for providing for a parish of over 15,000 and for bringing affordable quality health care to all regardless of their faith. This parish is greatly under-resourced to care for all these women and children, most from very remote areas, and for the influx of high risk pregnancies among the many expectant mothers. The appeal invites all parishioners to support Jesus' healing ministry in Uganda, helping missionaries reach out and give life to those desperately in need. Please place your contribution in the envelope provided and put it on the special collection that will be taken up.

Sunday 13 August 19th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Confirmation Preparation 11.00am Baptism	Thursday 17 August	10.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea. 1.30pm Bridge. P/C 7:30pm Blue Labyrinth Dancers P/C
Monday 14 August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe	9.00am Mass. 5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R	Friday 18 August	9.00am Mass followed by Benediction. 1.00 pm Bowlers. P/C
Tuesday 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.15am The Assumption School Mass all welcome 10.00am Carers morning tea 7.00pm The Assumption Mass This is a Holy Day of Obligation	Saturday 19 August	9.00am Mass 4.30pm Confirmation Preparation 4.45pm- 5.15pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday 16 August	8.00am Mass followed by Rosary. 9.30am Playgroup P/C 11.30am Cantabile. Church. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C	Sunday 20 August 20th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.45am Confirmation Preparation 1.30pm Bridge P/C 6.00pm Youth Mass 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C

WELCOME all visitors to our church today. We extend our greetings to you. If you wish to join St Finbar's Parish, please make yourself known to one of our Wardens so we can give you our Parish Welcome Pack.

St. Finbar's Parish News

St Finbar's Parish Trivia Night

When: Saturday, 16 September

Time: 6.45pm

Where: Hall

Cost: \$10 per head

Please join us for what we hope will become an Annual Event at St Finbar's!

Why not form a table of 8 people with your friends? Or just come along and make some new friends by joining a team that needs additional players. Children aged 12 and over are welcome to join a table. Young kids will be looked after in the Parish Meeting Room. We will also be selling raffle tickets leading up to the day so please keep an eye out for these next weekend. We have some fantastic prizes which have been donated by Parishioners. The main purpose of the evening is to build community and have a fun night, the funds raised will be put towards the new Tesla Battery for the Solar Power System that has been installed on the Hall's roof.

St. Finbar's Men's Breakfast

Date - Saturday 19th August 2017

Time - 7:30 am – 9:00 am Venue - Parish hall

The parish is holding an informal breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their neighbours and friends.

For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 13th August 2017.

Please add your name the list on the Wardens' table.

Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

CARING FOR CARERS morning tea. Tuesday 15th August. St Finbarr's Parish Centre. 10am - 12noon.

This group is open to ANYONE - especially Carers - who would like to join us for a social morning of sewing, knitting, crocheting and patchwork or just a chat. A very warm welcome to ALL. For more information contact Kath 473926651 or ktierney@bigpond.net.au

"Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection"

The aim of the Journey is to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

The launch will take place during Migrant and Refugee Week

Sunday 27 August 2017 from 2pm to 4pm Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall 7 Grantham St Seven Hills

Our special guest speaker will be Father Tom Smolich SJ, the newly appointed

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Tony Visser, Peter Bryant, Janet Tulk, Robyn Connors, Father Anthony Reynolds, Jack McGlynn, Emma Gleeson, Baby Valentina Twyford, and Father Maurice McNamara.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Ken Moore, Mary Ann Manalili, Lyn Downes, Ellen Moffitt, Jane Bloor, Ena Baker, Terry Stevens, Jeff Dean, Grant Madden, Stan Currey, Pam Clyne, Jacqui Visser, Jan Smith, John Camilleri, Joan Lohrey, Joanne Macrae, Carmel Quilty Malone, John Roebuck, Colleen Nolan, Maddison Farrugia, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Alban O'Loughlin, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Walsh, Bernardina Bruinsma, James Rowe, John Gersbach, Leslie Slater, Annia Audet, and Winifred Coyle.

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St. Finbar's Parish News

Letter to the people of the Diocese of Parramatta

Dear brothers and sisters of the Church in Parramatta, It has been a little over one year since I was installed as the fourth Bishop of Parramatta. In that time, I have met many of you, visited a majority of our parishes, toured our schools and seen the work you do with those in need in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. I am grateful for the work you do and the way I was welcomed into this Diocese by you, my brothers and sisters who are the Church in Parramatta. One thing that has been clear during my time visiting all corners of this Diocese is that we are growing. Be it growth in seminarian numbers, the establishment of new schools or the sheer number of new people who now call Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains home. In fact, since 2006, our population has grown from 1,100,000 to a record 1,500,000 people now calling this area home. In the Parramatta region alone, it is estimated an additional 70,000 new homes will be built in the next 20 years. This growth is evident across the Diocese. Building cranes dot the skyline. Paddocks have been turned into new housing estates. New motorways and train lines are under construction. The 2016 Census also clearly highlighted Catholicism as the leading religion of Western Sydney and across many Local Government Areas (LGAs). Catholicism is the largest Christian group in Australia at 22.6% of the total population. Though, in our Diocese, this rises to over 30% in some LGAs. In the next 20 years, the population in this region is expected to grow further by a staggering 600,000 people. This means in Blacktown, Penrith and Parramatta LGAs alone, hundreds of thousands of new people will call this area home. As your bishop, I am committed to following the lead of Pope Francis in making the Church in Parramatta the Church of the poor and the Church for the poor. Meeting the needs of our growing family and planning for future generations are two of my main priorities. As the local, state and federal governments are already investing heavily in this region by building motorways, light rail, train lines and new airports, we too, as the Church in Parramatta need to invest in physical infrastructure to meet the need. Our mission, modelled on the servant leadership of Christ, will be better served if we have the physical infrastructure in place to meet that need. For us to be like Christ, the Good Shepherd, and to spread the message of Our Lord, we must also look at how the message

of Christ can reach all, especially those on the margins and fringes of our society. In the years ahead there will be several new building and expansion projects undertaken by our Diocese. This will include Westmead, Marsden Park, Box Hill, school science park at Luddenham, new churches like Kenthurst, and other major projects that will be announced in due course. It is clear, that we are 'not living in an era of change, but change of an era'. In much the same way the Universal Catholic Church has changed since Second Vatican Council, we too, as the Diocese of Parramatta, will now be entering a change of era. Like any phase of growth, there will be challenges. Funding will be an issue, so too will the availability of land and the burden growth places on already stretched resources. Another challenge will be the uncertainty this change of era brings. All change, brings a level of anxiety and a sense of loss. I understand how leaving behind the familiar and the comfortable and embarking on a new path can create worries and feelings of helplessness and unease. We have nothing to fear. As our faith teaches us, we must know when to let go of the old ways and old habits and embark on the new. The renewal of the Church in this era, is not only a spiritual renewal, but also a physical renewal that must be embarked upon if we are to meet the need and spread the word of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. As such, I ask that we all work together to ensure we can continue to be the face of Christ in order to meet that need that we are now facing. I ask you work to with me as your servant leader, to overcome the challenges we will face so that we are able to be the face of Christ to the people of the Diocese of Parramatta. The population will boom and this region will grow. May the Holy Spirit forever guide us so that we are able to meet these new challenges and embrace this new era with faith, hope and love in the promise of Christ to be with us.

On this feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Patroness of the Diocese of Parramatta, we pray that her patronage remains over us and that she will continue to intercede on our behalf as we embark on this new era in the life of our Diocese.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

Montgrove College Information Night Monday 21 August 2017 .

140 Bringelly Road, Orchard Hill NSW 2748,

Time: 7.30 pm

You are invited to come along for an explanation of the PARED system of education. The Principal, Ms Lourdes Mejia, will be in attendance. *Taking enrolments for girls for Years 7 and 11, 2018* Please RSVP by Friday 18 August 2017 on **4736 5977** or **raelene.pirota@montgrove.nsw.edu** Montgrove College

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ROSTER FOR 19 AND 20 August 2017

Liturgical Ministries	5.30 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Rodney Moffitt	Dawn Willis
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Carl Moll	Martin Rogers
Junior Server	Joshua Toutounji Dominic Scalan		Andy Rogers Alex Walker
Warden	Lorraine Brown	Rodney Moffitt	Frank Fitzpatrick
Welcomer	Paul Etherington		Peter & Trish Hurley
1 st Reading	Maire Griffin	Maura Williams	Peter or Trish Hurley
2 nd Reading	Gideon Goosen	Geraldine Lohan	Kylie Lane
Intercession	Margaret Moore	John De Mattia	Jesse Mowbray
IT Operator	Thais Turner	Ralph Maples	Amie Farrell
Music	Cantabile		Ruth's Group
Presentation of the Gifts	Noreen Taylor Janice Smith	Kay Whitty	Kathleen Schneiders & Family
Minister of Communion	Marie Hurley Pat Barrett John Killeen Jacqui Visser Gwen Cullinan Bernie Fisher Volunteer Please	Terry Keogh Helen Keogh Jemmy Brickwood Volunteer Please	Therese Luczak Jean Di Nucci Annisia Nilsson Irene Aligno Carmel Higgins Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
Children's Liturgy	Elizabeth		
Cashier	Joe Grange & Ken Townsend		
Hospitality	Trish Hurley, Peter Hurley, Maggie Trevena, Irene & Bert Adamson		
Church Care	Catherine Marcequ, Jane Lennon, Sally Doyle, Christyna Lloyd, Nicole Young and Beth Killeen		
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